

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The rejection of all claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being made “obvious” based on Bossemeyer ‘671 in view of RFC 1738 (Berners-Lee) is respectfully traversed.

Although applicant’s claim for foreign priority rights was not documented in the outstanding Office Action, the Notification of Acceptance from the USPTO dated June 8, 2001 acknowledges that applicant’s priority document has been duly received. Furthermore, the inventors’ Rule 63 declaration clearly claims applicant’s priority rights which go back to December 9, 1998. The Examiner is respectfully requested to confirm that applicant has taken all necessary steps to perfect its priority rights.

Once applicant’s priority rights are recognized, it is clear that Bossemeyer ‘671 does not qualify as “prior art” because its earliest possible effective date as “prior art” is April 22, 1999 – which is subsequent to applicant’s priority date of December 9, 1998.

Furthermore, even if Bossemeyer ‘671 is considered *arguendo*, the Examiner has not even alleged that this reference (or the secondary Berners-Lee reference) teaches or suggests using an URL including a “service parameter part” – as required by each independent claim 1, 8 and 12.

The Examiner’s attention is also drawn to applicant’s new claims 14-20 which are directed towards a method for operating a network circuit using a uniform resource locator.

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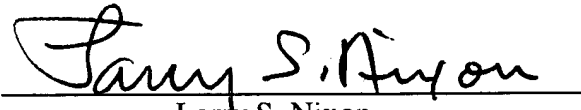
Here, the "identifier part" is also required to be a "circuit-switched identifier part" thus taking it even further from any possible teaching or suggestion of the cited references.

Accordingly, this entire application is now believed to be in allowable condition and a formal Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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